

Message

From: Deardorff, Jason [Deardorff.Jason@epa.gov]
Sent: 3/17/2020 4:33:47 PM
To: Minter, Douglas [Minter.Douglas@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Dewey-Burdock Uranium Recovery Site - Tribal Consultation

Hi Douglas,

Sorry to repeat the same information but Kim was not aware I had made that phone call to Rich. She was out of the office last week.

Jason

From: Minter, Douglas <Minter.Douglas@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 10:32 AM
To: Deardorff, Jason <Deardorff.Jason@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dewey-Burdock Uranium Recovery Site - Tribal Consultation

Thanks so much Jason. Its helpful to know what the Tribe is dealing with right now.

Douglas

From: Deardorff, Jason <Deardorff.Jason@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 10:22 AM
To: Minter, Douglas <Minter.Douglas@epa.gov>; Varilek, Kimberly <Varilek.Kimberly@epa.gov>
Cc: Sierra-Lopez, Omar <Sierra-Lopez.Omar@epa.gov>; Robinson, Valois <Robinson.Valois@epa.gov>; Bahrman, Sarah <Bahrman.Sarah@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dewey-Burdock Uranium Recovery Site - Tribal Consultation

Hi all,

I did speak to Richard Leasure, Yankton's Environmental Director and Emergency Response coordinator last week. He said he would look into this but he and the tribal council members were right in the middle of disinfecting after their first case of Coronavirus and they were trying to figure out how to reopen for business without having to continually close down to disinfect as new cases arrive. I'll follow up with Rich again today but my sense is that this is not a high priority for the tribe given the more immediate concerns regarding COVID-19.

Jason

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From: Minter, Douglas <Minter.Douglas@epa.gov>

Sent: Monday, March 16, 2020 3:40 PM

To: Varilek, Kimberly <Varilek.Kimberly@epa.gov>

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Subject: FW: Dewey-Burdock Uranium Recovery Site - Tribal Consultation

Hi Kim: you may recall that Omar previously contacted Kip Spotted Eagle (Yankton THPO) to follow up on a call he left on Omar's voicemail about two weeks ago. Kip told Omar that EPA would need to conduct consultation in accordance with the Yankton Tribe's protocol. Kip gave no indication as to whether the Tribe was interested in consulting with EPA in response to our recent letter to the Chairman (attached).

When Omar talked to Kip over the phone, he told him that he needed to start the consultation process by contacting Secretary Sully. Omar then sent the email below to Secretary Sully who responded back to Omar that the POC is Kip Spotted Eagle, the THPO.

With Jason's support in facilitating communication with the Tribe, the UIC program believes EPA has exercised due diligence by sending offers to consult to the Tribal Chairman and Tribal Secretary. While we hope our outreach efforts will yield a response soon, we have received no indication as to whether the Tribal Leadership wishes to consult with EPA as requested in our correspondence to them.

Please advise as to what further efforts, if any, we should take in securing a definitive response from the Tribe keeping in mind that any consultation is to be completed by April 30th.

Thanks!

Regards,

Omar Sierra-Lopez
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From: Glenford Sully <gsully52@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2020 10:18 AM

To: Sierra-Lopez, Omar <Sierra-Lopez.Omar@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: Dewey-Burdock Uranium Recovery Site - Tribal Consultation

Yes the tribes protocols call for consultation with our general council. We have been discussing this and Kip Spotted Eagle, YST THPO Director is our contact person.

On Wed, Mar 11, 2020, 4:05 PM Sierra-Lopez, Omar <Sierra-Lopez.Omar@epa.gov> wrote:

Secretary Sully:

I am contacting you as follow-up to the attached letter the EPA sent to Chairman Flying Hawk on February 21, 2020 to see if the Yankton Sioux Tribe wishes to schedule a consultation meeting with the EPA regarding the proposed actions at the Dewey-Burdock uranium recovery site in southwest South Dakota. If the Tribe does wish to consult with the EPA, please let me know the first available date we could schedule a meeting.

Regards,

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